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DNR offices closed for Thanksgiving next week

DES MOINES -- DNR offices will be closed for regular business from Nov. 24 to 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The DNR's 24-hour Environmental Reporting Hotline, 515-725-8694, will still be available during this time for those needing to report a spill, fish kill or other environmental emergency. Early reporting is key to stopping or containing a pollutant.

Have a great Thanksgiving holiday.

DNR enforcement actions

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or Tamara.McIntosh@dnr.iowa.gov.

DES MOINES – DNR staff work with individuals, businesses and communities to help them protect our natural resources by complying with state and federal laws. This approach is very effective. In the few cases where compliance cannot be achieved, the DNR issues enforcement actions. The following list summarizes recent enforcement actions. Find the entire, original orders on DNR's website at www.iowadnr.gov/EnforcementActions.

Consent Orders

A consent order is issued as an alternative to issuing an administrative order. A consent order indicates that the DNR has voluntarily entered into a legally enforceable agreement with the other party.

Bremer County

1859 Ventures LLC

Provide a list of contractors; send at least one employee to a three-day Asbestos Inspectors course and submit proof of completion; and pay a \$6,000 administrative penalty.

Administrative Orders

Responsible parties have 60 days to appeal the order or 60 days to pay the penalty.

Amendments

Franklin County

LJ Unlimited, LLC and Dustin J. Abbas

Replacing LJ Unlimited, LLC with Dustin J. Abbas, the prospective new owner of the facility; all manure shall be removed from the facility within three years of the sale unless the facility has been repopulated; and alternatively, if the sale to Mr. Abbas is not finalized, all manure must be removed from the facility prior to its sale to any future owners.

Air Quality permits under review

MEDIA CONTACT: Sarah Piziali, DNR, at 515-725-9549
or Sarah.Piziali@dnr.iowa.gov for construction permits.

DES MOINES – The DNR Air Quality Bureau has the following draft permits up for review. The permits help protect Iowans' health and air quality. DNR's permitting staff review each permit application to ensure facilities comply with state and federal air quality requirements. We encourage public comments on draft permits, providing help on how to [make effective comments](#). Submit written comments to the assigned permit writer before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. DNR considers public comments before finalizing the permits.

Construction Permits

DNR engineers review and issue construction permits to facilities before they build new or modify existing sources of air pollution. The public may review the following air quality construction permits available online at www.iowadnr.gov/airpermitsearch OR through the [EASY Air Public Inquiry Portal](#) and then click the Public Notice tab.

Cerro Gordo County

Lehigh Cement Company, LLC – 700 25th St. NW, Mason City.

Project # 21-007, Modification to increase monthly truck levels while improving paved road surface dust cleaning. This project is to reduce particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to 10 microns (PM10) emissions on Haul Road (EU80) – Cement Loadout to U.S. Highway 65. The public comment period ends Dec. 18.

Lee County

Iowa Fertilizer Company – 3550 180th St., Wever.

Project No. 21-126, Modification of the permit for equipment leaks. This project was to correct the calculation of potential emission from equipment leaks and update Best Available Control Technology requirements. The operating limits and associated record keeping requirements in the permit were also updated. The public comment period ends Dec. 20.

Muscatine County

Grain Processing Corporation – 1600 Oregon St., Muscatine.

Project No. 21-079. The purpose of this project is to increase the hourly emission limits for particulate matter (PM, PM10 and PM2.5) for emission point EP297.0 due to the results of a performance test conducted in October 2020. EP297.0 is the exhaust point for the #2 Wet Germ Transfer System, the #3 Germ Dryer and the #4 Germ Dryer. The public comment period ends Dec. 19.